



## Central Electric Power Cooperative

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Federal Communications Commission

RE: Comment on Docket # RM-10687  
Opposition to ITA's Petition to Frequency Coordination

I am opposed to ITA performing any frequency coordination for Power, Railroad, and Auto Emergency channels. ITA does not have the experience to do the coordination. I also believe that ITA does not have the support of the majority of water, gas, and electric utilities in their effort to coordinate spectrum for critical infrastructure.

Central Electric operates RF systems in the 48 MHz, 150 to 170 MHz, 450 MHz, 960 MHz, and 6 GHz spectrum bands. All of the RF systems deployed by Central carry mission critical voice, data, and telemetry that support an electrical transmission grid in 26 mid-Missouri counties. For decades Central has turned to UTC for frequency coordination because UTC knows and understands what we do here at the electric cooperative, ITA does not!

Over the years UTC has developed an organization that does more than frequency coordination. Through the many technical support systems that UTC offers to critical infrastructure companies, such as Central, UTC truly understands what it takes to keep the lights on, the water flowing, and the gas pumping 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! I believe that ITA, in its general focus on non-critical business, does not understand nor will they have the depth of support that UTC can provide.

As the employees at Central Electric travel through out mid-Missouri, we are now mindful of Homeland Security and how the electric co-op's facilities are critical to life in rural America. If Central is to do their part for Homeland Security then a dependable telecommunications system is required. UTC's frequency coordination leadership is an important key in Central's task of building and maintaining a telecommunications system! I oppose the ITA petition, docket #10687.

Sincerely,

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